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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If you are not now a subscriber to the EVANGELIST, we will send you the paper and McFaden's book, regular \$2.50 edition, for the price of the book—\$2.50.

All orders for Sunday-school Lesson Helps for the first quarter of 1895, have been filled, and mailed. This is the quarter when many of our schools close, and the sales are only a little over half that of other quarters.

The omission of a single word made us say a few weeks ago, that the word reverence did not appear in the Bible. It is found in the Bible several times, and we hereby make the correction. It was not what we meant to say.

There are two good reasons why you should use the literature of your church. 1st. It teaches what you want your pastor to preach—the whole Gospel. 2nd. It is a matter of business. Should you not give your money to your own church, rather than to others? If you pay other denominations for your literature, why not pay them for your preaching? It is one and the same thing.

Every school in the Brotherhood should use the Helps prepared by and for the Brethren Church in preference to any others. Our Helps are not cumbersome, containing a great amount of unnecessary material which neither scholar nor teacher has time or patience to wade through, and which would help him little if he would; on the other hand they are simple, easily comprehended, contain the truth in a nutshell, and above all they teach the doctrine peculiar to our church, and which every congregation wants their minister to preach. Is it not strange that churches will teach one doctrine in their pulpit, and another in the Sunday-school. Lesson Helps which try to please everybody cannot and do not teach the whole Gospel.

According to an exchange, clerical applicants for free transportation on a western railroad receive the following card: "It is said: 'Thou shalt not pass.'—Num. xx, 18; 'Suffer not a man to pass'—Judges iii, 28; 'None shall ever pass.'—Isaiah xxxiv, 10; 'This generation shall not pass.'—Mark xiii, 30. 'Though they roar, yet they cannot pass.'—Jeremiah v, 22; 'So they paid their fare and went.'—Jonah i, 3."

In our last issue we announced a series of short editorials on "Our own Literature." This series will begin with the issue in new form, the third number in January, unless something unforeseen takes place. We would have much preferred to begin the New Year with the EVANGELIST in its new dress, but it was impossible to arrange for it in time. Besides we did not want to make the change until the present stock of paper is exhausted.

Every Young People's society in the Brotherhood should use the literature prepared for them. There are regular topic cards with subjects and scripture references for the year. *King's Children* gives comments on these topics, and thus furnishes a Bible lesson for each weekly meeting night in the year, and interprets the Gospel in harmony with the doctrines of the Brethren Church. Send orders for topic cards to J. O. Talley, Milledgeville, Ill.; for *King's Children*, send orders to us.

The *United Presbyterian* says there are many passages of Scripture, "which tell ministers what to preach, but not one of them enjoins the preaching of science, art or political economy. With such passages as these in the Bible, no preacher need make a mistake in the choice of his theme: 'Preach the kingdom of God; 'Jesus whom I preach; 'The word of faith which we preach; 'We preach Christ crucified; 'Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel; 'We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus; 'Preach the Word.'"

Cheering Words and *Our Little Folks* were mailed the first week in January. It is impossible to get the first number of the quarter out in as good time as one would desire, owing to the lateness of the orders. The day when the papers should have been sent, there were not more than one-fourth of the orders in, and we could not tell how many were needed. Many of our schools would like to have *Little Folks*, a

week ahead so as to give them out in advance. We have arranged to accommodate our customers, by sending out four numbers at a time. All the numbers for January have been mailed.

Human sin has brought out the depths of God's love. "God is love." Only in the light of Calvary does that statement have meaning.

Human life is a school. We are here in training. No one ever gets beyond his school-days. He may pass from room to room, but he never passes out of the school of life.

The world may wonder at the matchless grace of Christ, but he who has tasted of the love of God himself, wonders no more—"It is just like him." It might be strange in you, or strange in your neighbor to love strangers or love enemies, but it is not strange for Him.

"Search the scriptures" was the commandment of the Saviour to the Jews, when calling their attention to His credentials, "for . . . they are they which testify of me," and surely to-day the Scriptures must be our guide in everything that appertains to our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no one particular season for starting the fires of true religion or of church life. Only is it true that such are the conditions by which the Church and the individual are surrounded in this world that there is imperative necessity for keeping fire going all the time, and if they have not been started, or if they have been burning feebly, it is always the time for adding fresh fuel and enlivening the flame.

Among the splendid architectural remains at Thebes are those of the Temple of Kournah, or, as it was called, "The House of Seti," where, in all probability, Moses was sent to be educated. In this building and in others surrounding and connected with it, forming a group of colleges, the youth of Upper Egypt were trained in literature, art, and science. Within the walls of this institution, founded by the great-grandfather of "Pharaoh's daughter," and under the especial patronage of her grandfather and father, the latter having been educated there, the Hebrew boy whom she had adopted, there is little doubt attained the intellectual development requisites to the great work for which he was chosen of God.